

SANDRIDGE GETS 10 YEARS

Jury Convicts of Murder in Second Degree.

SEVEN FOR HANGING

These Were Brought Over and Compromised Reached Because Young Man Attempted His Own Life, After Killing His Sweetheart.

Alfred Sandridge, the young man charged with murdering his sweetheart, Miss Nannie Morris, on Church Hill, winter, will serve ten years for his crime, he having been convicted of murder in the second degree in the Hastings Court and promptly sentenced by Judge Witt on yesterday. The trial has lasted for three days, and Mr. H. M. Smith, counsel for Sandridge, has made a hard fight for the acquittal of his client on the ground of temporary insanity.

Commonwealth's Attorney D. C. Richmond has put up an equally hard battle for conviction of murder in the first degree, and the verdict of the jury is in the nature of a compromise, the paltry circumstances having been the effort on the part of the young lover to take his own life as well as that of his sweetheart.

It is understood that seven of the jurors stood out for hanging, but after deliberating for about twenty hours they were brought over and a compromise verdict reached, as indicated above.

The case was given to the jury shortly after 6 o'clock on Wednesday night, and the body failed to agree until 11:30 o'clock yesterday. They were brought in at 10 o'clock, and the foreman reported, no agreement. He asked that Dr. J. Allison Hodges be recalled, and after the latter had given some more expert testimony on the question of temporary insanity, the jury found the prisoner guilty of murder in the second degree, and fixed his punishment at ten years in the penitentiary. Young Sandridge took his sentence in a philosophical way, though his mother and father and friends seemed deeply moved. The verdict seemed satisfactory to all parties, and there was no more looking to the setting aside of the verdict. Judge Witt promptly sentenced the prisoner, and he will be taken over to the penitentiary within the next few days.

GOING TO BOSTON

Prominent Richmond People to Attend National Education Conference.

A number of prominent people and school teachers of Richmond left yesterday morning for Boston, to attend the National Education Conference, which is being held in the Chesapeake and Ohio fast train for Norfolk, from which place they will go to the city.

Nine of the party will go on the Old Dominion Line to New York and from there to the Fall River Line to Newport, arriving July 4th in visiting these places, arriving in Boston Saturday night. Others will go by way of the Merchants' and Miners' boat to Providence, taking in the places named en route to the conference.

A similar party will leave here tomorrow over the Chesapeake and Ohio for Norfolk, and take the Merchants' and Miners' boat for Providence that afternoon.

BAD ACCIDENT

Aged Man Thrown from His Wagon and Hurt.

A bad accident, in the way of a collision between two wagons, occurred on Broad Street, just in front of the City Market yesterday afternoon, in which Mr. Samuel Schapowitz, who keeps a grocery store at No. 222 East Broad Street, was painfully, though not seriously hurt. The groceryman was driving down the street when his wagon collided with a delivery wagon of the Anheuser-Busch Brewing Co., and was pinned between the latter and an electric light pole.

Mr. Schapowitz was thrown against the pole and his left arm was badly bruised. His horse ran off, though was caught later on.

The man was taken to his home and is not thought to have been seriously injured, though he suffered great pain.

CAPTAIN PIZZINI GETS FINE PAINTING

A number of prominent Confederate veterans of the city have united in an effort by which Miss Louise Williams, the young Georgia artist, has donated of her painting entitled "The Royal Prisoner," exhibited in the window at Craig's art store.

Its disposal took place in the library of the Jefferson Hotel at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon under supervision of a committee of Confederate veterans. The painting fell to Captain Andrew Pizzini. The canvas is the largest of Miss Williams' exhibit, and depicts a captive lion strongly realistic in treatment.

Captain Pizzini is regarded as very fortunate in having secured this handsome painting, which has been greatly admired by all who have seen it.

At Ocean View.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Spencer and little Thomas are spending two weeks at Ocean View.

THE LEOPARD'S SPOTS.

By Thomas Dixon, Jr.

"Holds attention from beginning to end."—Indianapolis News.

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"The Pit" is the "big novel" of 1903.

CORONER JAMES AND HENRICO JAIL

A Reply from Mr. A. B. Gulgon to the Letter of Dr. James.

Mr. Gulgon's attention was called yesterday to the statement from Coroner James, in The Times-Dispatch of the 2d, and he authorized the following reply:

My friend, the coroner of Henrico, is a little hasty and inaccurate in saying that I had made any criticism whatever of the county jail and particularly when he suggested that I charged the county jail with being in a "dreadful condition, not fit for a dog to stay in."

I never made any such statement anywhere, at any time, and I do not think any such statement has been credited to me in any newspaper. The facts were as follows:

I requested permission of the sheriff, as custodian of the county jail, to show to the Commonwealth's Attorney and Dr. Charles V. Carrington, one of my company's surgeons, (and also surgeon to the penitentiary, and as such admitted to prison surroundings and conditions) the cell in which the three guards had been confined the previous night. This request was rudely and insolently refused.

I asked the sheriff if the Commonwealth's Attorney had not, at my suggestion, requested him to allow the three prisoners to be confined in an upper room of the jail. He said the Commonwealth's Attorney had made such a request, but he had not complied with it because the cells were safer for the men.

This excuse was so transparent that I was very indignant, and so expressed myself. I informed him that his conduct was, in my judgment, outrageous; that these men were plainly, even from the county's standpoint, acting under color of right, and should not have been treated as common criminals; that the pen in which they had been confined was not fit for a dog to spend the night in, and that I purposed to bring what I considered his official misconduct and insolent refusal to permit the three prisoners to be confined in the cell in which the three guards had been confined, and which I had personally seen myself the afternoon before.

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APPROVED COMMITTEE

Work of Publication in Excellent State.

DR. A. J. MCKELWAY HERE

Makes a Thorough Investigation and Publishes the Result in His paper—What He Says on the Subject.

It has just leaked out here that, as a result of the various and sundry rumors floating abroad in connection with the Publication Committee of the Southern Presbyterian Church, which has its headquarters in Richmond, the editor of one of the most prominent and influential of the denominational weeklies has paid a special visit to Richmond for the sole purpose of investigating the matter and making a full publication of the actual conditions of the work.

The publication has been made and the committee stands fully approved in the course of the investigation, and the result of the case is, however, exceedingly interesting to all Presbyterians and to Richmonders particularly, and besides this it puts into concrete form the whistlings which have filled the air and makes a clear and decided reply to them. It indicates another thing also, and that is that the Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., of this city, who acted as temporary secretary of the publication work and who is now devoting his entire time to the supervision of the publication work, has been conducting since its institution by Dr. Phillips, when Dr. Hazen, secretary of publication, died, Dr. Phillips was elected by the committee to fill the unexpired term, and he has been looking after his duties. Later on Mr. R. E. Magill, of Nashville, a business man, was associated with him, and was given the office of business superintendent. When the Assembly met there came up the question of the election of a permanent secretary of publication, the committee recommended that the two offices be then filled by Dr. Phillips be combined, and that he be made the secretary. It was distinctly stated, "that the editor of the paper who visited Richmond, 'that he was to continue the work he had been doing as superintendent of Sunday-schools. It was felt that if anyone deserved the honor and the larger work done for the successful carrying out of the plan projected, it was Dr. Phillips.'"

Strenuous opposition to the movement developed, and the assembly refused to adopt the suggestion of the committee, and the offices distinct, elected Mr. Magill secretary with the secretary's salary and relegated Dr. Phillips to the Sunday-school department at a lower salary. Rumors began to float about as to lack of business methods on the part of the committee, and a general complication and mix-up of the work, which would probably be disastrous to its best interests and so on. Many of these rumors have been circulating in Richmond and considerable dissatisfaction has been manifested.

Through it all, however, nobody seemed anxious to make a public discussion of the matter, and thus it has dragged on for weeks.

WHAT DR. MCKELWAY SAYS.

It is at this point that the Rev. Dr. A. J. McKelway, editor of the Presbyterian Standard, one of the most influential of the denominational papers, came to Richmond to investigate for himself. He went over the books of the committee, investigated every point, and has just made an exhaustive report through the columns of his paper. This report is in every way favorable to the committee. It scores some of the people, particularly an ex-Congressman, a member of the Assembly, and certain others for their conduct in the matter. It bestows upon Dr. Phillips the highest praise and speaks in glowing terms of the work he has accomplished. On the other hand, it speaks in no uncertain terms of the special committee appointed by the Assembly to overlook the work of the Publication Committee. It is declared, "it might have obtained, and listened to 'complaints' and 'rumors,' and did not ask before it the two men who could have given the fullest and most accurate information on the subject of the work in general Dr. McKelway says:

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mittee that there is nothing to be done except to accept the will of the assembly and work out the plans as best can be done under the new conditions. We have thought that the committee is entitled to a vindication of its work and its wisdom before the church.

And the church ought to recognize that something of trust and confidence is due its committees and its secretaries. It is entitled to a vindication of its work and its wisdom before the church.

THE CENTRAL'S REMARK.

The membership of the Publication Committee is made up of some of the most prominent ministers and business men of Richmond, and any matter pertaining to it is of widespread interest here. The Central Presbyterian, the editor of which is himself a member of the committee, speaks of Dr. McKelway's report this week, and declares that it is no doubt a wise thing to give the church a careful statement of these matters from the investigation of one who is not a member of the committee. The will of the assembly is joyfully accepted by the Executive Committee and its officers, and the work is being prosecuted with energy and success.

HOT WEATHER FOR VIRGINIA

Farmer Evans, of the Weather Bureau, does not see any relief in sight for at least thirty-six hours from the excessive heat. The farmer preferred to speak of the weather as "warm" rather than "hot," though he admitted that Virginia was about the warmest spot on the map. He did not see anything with the lights before him that would foretell even a passing shower within the time specified, and he looked for a continuation of present conditions for several days.

He said it was remarkable that at 8 o'clock yesterday the temperature was higher at Boston than at Key West by two degrees.

The highest temperature, however, prevailed in Virginia and Maryland, while in the extreme West there was frost yesterday morning.